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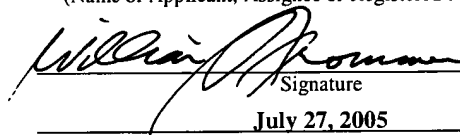
Applicant(s) : Tetsujiro KONDO et al.
Serial No. : 09/830,858
For : SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND
RECORDING MEDIUM
Filed : May 1, 2001
Examiner : Yogesh K. Aggarwal
Art Unit : 2615

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July 27, 2005

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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application on June 27, 2005, requiring an election of species among those species identified by the Examiner as follows:

Species I, Fig. 3;

Species II, Fig. 10;
Species III, Fig. 14;
Species IV, Fig. 20;
Species V, Fig. 39;
Species VI, Fig. 66; and
Species VII, Fig. 71.

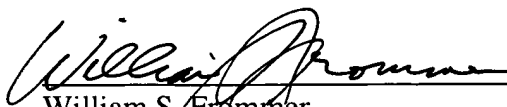
Applicants elect, without traverse, Species II, Fig. 10, on which claims 1-45, 51-58, 61 and 68-84 read.

As noted in the Response filed January 18, 2005 to the December 14, 2005 Requirement for Election of Species, Claims 1-45, 51-58, 61 and 68-84 are generic because they read on all of the Species identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, if any of these generic claims eventually is allowed, it is recognized that the instant requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn; and all claims which include the limitations of the generic claims, irrespective of the particular species on which those claims read, likewise will be allowed.

Applicants reserve their right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application are respectfully solicited.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	84	Minus	** = 84	*0x	\$50 (25)	=\$0
Independent claims	24	Minus	*** = 24	*0x	\$200 (100)	=\$0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0

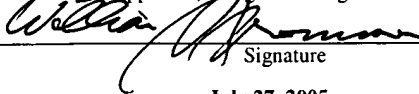
- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the ___ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a ___ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ ___ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ___ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$ ___ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☐ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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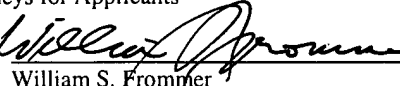
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